

CSD Helps Low-Income Families Manage and Reduce Energy Costs

Low-income households spend a large share of their limited income on energy:

Percent of Income U.S. Families Spend on Energy:	7%
Percent of Income Low-Income Families Spend on Energy:	13.5%
Percent of Income LIHEAP Recipient Families Spend on Energy:	16%

The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) helps low-income Californians manage and reduce energy costs. Part of the assistance offered by CSD is for emergencies—helping families who are in financial crisis pay a utility bill. Another part of the assistance helps reduce bills in the long term by installing weatherization measures to make low-income households more energy-efficient. These services are paid for with federal funds from two programs: The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE).

2008 Program Year (PY) LIHEAP Grant (contract term Jan 1, 2008-March 31, 2009)	\$102,247,496 ¹
2008 PY DOE Grant (contract term July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009)	\$6,265,676

The **LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** provides a direct payment to a low-income client's utility bill to help offset the cost of heating/cooling their home.

Number of Households Served by HEAP	105,833
Average Annual Energy Payment per Household:	\$270.00

The **LIHEAP Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)** provides assistance to low-income households who are in a crisis situation, such as those having received a notice to disconnect or terminate service, or those having an energy-related crisis like a heating/cooling system emergency.

Number of Households Served by ECIP	46,653
Average Annual Energy Payment per Household	\$385.00
Number of Households Served by Heating/Cooling	7,368

Funds for **Weatherization Assistance** come from both LIHEAP and DOE. The programs provide weather-stripping, insulation, caulking, water heater blankets, heating/cooling system repairs, compact fluorescent lamps, and other measures to make dwellings more energy efficient, thereby reducing energy usage/costs, while safeguarding the health and safety of the household.

Number of Homes Weatherized LIHEAP	16,363
Number of Homes Weatherized DOE	3,591

¹ CSD estimates the ability to only serve approximately five percent of the total eligible population in California with LIHEAP assistance under current funding.